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WVLA Annual Conference – Part II

Library Memories

by Alice B. Riecks

At the Fall Conference I was greatly honored by the special resolution recognizing my retirement from Kanawha County Public Library system. Although Kanawha County Public Library has been my only library employer in West Virginia, I have many fond memories of other libraries in West Virginia and I'd like to share some of these with you.

My husband and I moved to West Virginia in 1972 when he accepted a job in Greenbrier County. As soon we were

settled in Frankford we visited the Lewisburg Public Library. It reminded me very much of the library I had enjoyed so much as a child in Virginia. Both buildings had originally been built as homes. A bookmobile the size of a tractor-trailer, from the Library Commission as I recall, came to Frankford regularly. After my daughter was born in 1973 I would put her in the stroller and push her the short distance across US 219 to the bookmobile stop. I used my father's World War II knapsack to carry our library books!

In 1975 we moved to War, West Virginia. Again we were fortunate to have regular bookmobile service. If memory serves correctly this was a smaller truck or van from Craft Memorial Library in Bluefield. War is an isolated community in McDowell County and the bookmobile was an important link to the "outside" world. My second daughter was born while we lived in War, and I pushed her in the stroller across the railroad tracks to the bookmobile stop on Main Street. My older daughter walked

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Library Day at the Legislature

Please mark your calendars for February 2, 2006 for the Library Day at the Legislature. We have scheduled the Capitol Rotunda for the day with exhibits from libraries and the Great Hall for that evening. We are planning to have something in the theatre after the reception that would give "out-of-towners" a bigger reason to come to Charleston; however, we do not have the program for the theatre finalized as yet.

Also, tickets for the reception will be mailed in early December to service center and designate libraries that will distribute them to other public libraries, academic libraries and school libraries. The great food at the reception will be catered by Wellington's again and the tickets will be the same cost (\$25.00) as last year. Please again consider purchasing tickets for your Senators and Delegates to help defray the cost of the reception.

If libraries have events prior to the regular session of the legislature the following are the goals for this year:

1. Increase in Grants to Public Libraries of \$1,000,000

2. Funds to support WVLC taking over News line (a newspaper reading service for the blind) and hiring of a person to oversee the operation.

3. Increase the Digital Resources line item in WVLC's budget from \$219,992 to \$500,000. This is the line that pays for Ebsco Host, etc. and would benefit all libraries.

Please visit your delegation, write to them, call them, e-mail them---communicate with them and let them know what libraries need. Remember that we are speaking not only for our own library but libraries across the state!

Again this year, Sam Love will be our Legislative Consultant.

**Don't miss photos
from the conference**

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A Message from the President

November 15, 2005

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the Annual Conference Issue – Part 2 as much as folks enjoyed the conference itself. We've compiled the evaluations, and I'm very pleased to report that the meeting was a grand success. So many sessions were chosen as favorites that I don't have space to name them all here, but keynote speakers Kee Malesky and Asra Nomani head the list. Authors were also cited as favorites, from children's author, Sarah Sullivan, to poet, Diane Gilliam Fisher.

The success of the conference was due to a wonderful and hard-working conference committee, ably led by Martha Yancey. My sincere thanks to each of them- Rebecca VanDerMeer, Thelma Hutchins, Betty Gunnoe, Ann Henriksson, Jane Levitan, Hilary Fredette, Linda Blake, Jill Dotts, Monte Maxwell, Ann Farr, Mary Strife, Danny McMillion, and Judy Altis. Thanks, too, to all of you who developed programs for the meeting. The diverse needs of our membership can only be met when we all contribute.

What can I say in summing up? I have enjoyed my time as President of WVLA enormously. Throughout the year, I was inspired and humbled by the dedication, intelligence, and creativity of our members. It is no wonder that "libraries are wonderful in WV." It is because LIBRARIANS are wonderful! Thanks for all you do, and thank you very much for allowing me to lead this organization.

Best,
Penny



Steve Christo: Dora Ruth Parks Award

Steve Christo began his library "career" on January 26, 1970, as a Library Page in the Reference Department of the West Virginia Library Commission. During his employment there, he attended Morris Harvey College [sic] University of Charleston; Steve began a full-time position with the Library Commission after graduating from MHC in 1973. He was one of the lucky four employees that was awarded a scholarship from the Library Commission, assisting him in his pursuit of an ALA accredited MLS degree from the University of Kentucky School of Library Science. In 1976, the Culture Center at the Capitol Complex was completed and for the first time all of the departments of the West Virginia Library Commission were under one roof. His Master's degree, enabled Steve to advance to the position of head of the newly formed Film Services Department. He was instrumental in the development of the award-winning 16mm film collection that enabled libraries throughout the state to borrow from the Commission's film holdings. In 1972, Steve became the first LIFETIME member of WVLA and he

has never had to pay dues again! (Wish we had done that back then!)

Steve left the Library Commission in September 1978 and began his career in sales for a national film company. During his hiatus from the non-profit sector, Steve continued to volunteer his services with the Putnam County Public Library. Steve was the Founder of the PCPL Friends' organization and served as its' first President. Steve served on various committees of the WVLA Friends' Division and received the Friends' Division for Outstanding Individual Contribution Award in 1986.

In 1994, Steve came back to the non-profit sector and took a newly formed full-time position at Kanawha County Public Library as Head of the Audiovisual Services Department. His initiative and fortitude took KCPL's AV Department from a 'closet' on the 2nd floor to a brand new department on the library's previously unused 4th floor area. With the growth in popularity of the video format, audio-books and music on compact disc, Steve's collection development expertise gave

Respectfully submitted by:
Julie Spiegler, WVLA Past-President [2003]
Judith Duncan, WVLA Past-President [1998]

birth to the largest audiovisual collection in the state. He also developed a unique AV Rotation Collection that ensures that each branch in the KCPL system receives a monthly packet of fresh AV materials for circulation. A higher calling was still in the cards for Steve and on April Fool's Day in 1996, he accepted his current position as Assistant Director of the Cabell County Public Library system.

As earlier stated, Steve's membership with WVLA began in 1972 and he could always be called upon for "other duties as assigned" within the Association. He has served as photographer, computer and AV equipment technician, Parliamentarian, and he was the initial Web-page designer for WVLA's website. Steve has served on numerous committees including Site Selection, Long-Range Planning and Conference Committees and continues to serve on WVLA's Handbook Committee and the Constitution & By-Laws Committee. Steve has also served as our ALA Councilor and fortunately, served as Treasurer for the Association during our

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Julie Spiegler: Certificate of Merit Award

Julie Spiegler began her career as a paraprofessional clerk at the Cross Lanes Library in Kanawha County. She received her MLS from the University of South Carolina and subsequently became the Supervisor of the Audio Visual Department, the fastest growing department in Kanawha County Public Library. Her creativity and ingenuity are evident when you walk into the Audio Visual Department; the atmosphere is fun and relaxing.

Julie is very active in WVLA, having served as Vice-President and President of the Association in addition to participating on various committees and roundtables. She contributes her talents to the Marketing Committee; and where would Legislative Day be without her! She currently serves as Database Manager, which is a huge responsibility in, and of itself.

Julie has an acute interest in libraries and library staff. Where there is a library or Association function, you'll find Julie working in the background and making sure things run smoothly. Thankfully, she seems to know all the ins and outs of WVLA and is always willing and quite capable to assist.

For her dedication and commitment to libraries and to WVLA, the Awards Committee is pleased to present the Certificate of Merit Award to Julie Spiegler.

Intellectual Freedom Award

Jane Levitan presented the Intellectual Freedom Award to Alan Johnson. Alan Johnson was unable to attend the conference and the award was accepted for him by Vicky Derry. A \$100 prize was awarded, as well, to aid in the circulation of his special collection of materials.

Continuing Education and Scholarship Committee Chair: Pam Ford

WVLA will provide scholarships to the following members:

Susan Hoskins, \$1000, attending the University of Alabama • Kelly Johanson, \$1000, attending Texas Women's University • Linda LaRue, \$1000, attending Kent State University • Kimberly Wolf, \$1000, attending Texas Women's University • Heather Osborne, \$500, attending Marshall University's Library Certification Program.

Resolutions:

Margaret Smith, Secretary of WVLA, made resolutions honoring Alice Reicks who is retiring from Cross Lanes. Margaret also made memorial resolutions honoring Vicki Johnson and Ruth Abbott. Margaret made a motion that the resolutions be accepted. Pam Ford seconded the motion; motion carried by unanimous acclaim.

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leanest years. As WVLA's Treasurer, he urged being conservative and thrifty (although this often frustrated the President, Division Chairs, and Conference Committee) guaranteeing that the Association was once again solvent. Steve believes that something worth doing is worth doing well, so any project or task that he embarks on is completed on time and done very well.

Steve married his college sweetheart, Barbara, who is the Media Specialist at Nitro High School. They have one daughter, Beth Anne, and son-in-law, Brian Rivera, who live in Columbus, Ohio. When Steve isn't busy tearing up his house to remodel Barbara's kitchen, he spends his spare time vacationing with his family and enjoying his two grandchildren, Brandon and Olivia.

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W.Va. Labor History Association Inducts 3 Members into the WV Labor Hall of Honor

by Steve Fesenmaier

The West Virginia Labor History Association inducted three new members into its West Virginia Labor Hall of Honor on October 22 at a noon luncheon at The Charleston Civic Center, Room 220.

The inductees were:

Charles Franklin Keeney, one of the most notable mine workers leaders at the height of the West Virginia Mine Wars—A native of Cabin Creek, Keeney was also an influential figure in the broader labor movement in the Mountain State and was president of the State Federation of Labor in the late 1920s.

Daniel V. Maroney, a native of the Cabin Creek district—Mr. Maroney served as the International President of the Amalgamated Transit Workers Union in the 1970s—a close ally of the Kennedy family, Daniel Maroney's advice and assistance was frequently sought by Senator Ted Kennedy.

Bethel Purkey, a native of Chapmanville—Mr. Purkey was a local UMWA officer for over 20 years. He was an International Board Member and a strike leader during the 1989 Pittston strike. Mr. Purkey was also active in support of steel workers in West Virginia, most notably, those at the Ravenswood lockout.

At the Civic Center luncheon, plaques that will be displayed along with portraits of each inductee were presented. These are placed in the West Virginia Labor Hall of Honor. A certificate was presented to the families of each inductee.

Preceding the ceremony, Dr. Fred Barkey, author William C. Blizzard Jr. and publisher Wess Harris spoke at The West Virginia Book Festival at 10:30 AM. Blizzard wrote the book, "When Miners March: A Panel Discussion of the Definitive History of Coal Miners in West Virginia." The panelists spoke about the State's miners and their union as well as the incredible history of Blizzard's book.

For more information, contact the West Virginia Labor History Association; P. O. Box 5156; Charleston, WV 25361 President: Dr. Fred Barkey.

Membership Update

by Olivia L. Bravo

WVLA Second Vice-President

I want to thank you who voted for me as second vice-president. I will try not to disappoint in the coming year.

Even though the hour was early, the new members breakfast looked as though it was a rousing success! We will continue this as an annual event. No one showed up in jammies, either!

There will be a change to the membership and renewal this coming year. Since the fiscal year for WVLA is from December 1 through November 30, the memberships will be the same instead of January through December. So the membership forms will be sent in early December.

Also, since there is an issue with internet security, at this time the form will be available online to print out but not submit online. Even though nothing happened last year, my first and foremost concern is for the security of the information going over the Internet to me. We continue to explore ways to make this secure with hopes that we can again offer memberships and renewals online.

Since membership went up 17% last year, I would like to see more memberships in 2006 in particular from the smaller libraries. Making memberships relevant to everyone is a major goal of mine in 2006.

Memorial Resolution: Vicki Lester Johnson

WHEREAS: Vicki Lester Johnson, dedicated librarian of the Buffalo Creek Memorial Library at Man died on February 19, 2005, and;

WHEREAS: Vicki worked nearly 25 years at the library, beginning as the Assistant Librarian in 1980 and appointed as Director in 2000, and;

WHEREAS: Vicki spearheaded a campaign to build an addition to the Buffalo Creek Memorial Library in 2004, and;

WHEREAS: Vicki was greatly respected and appreciated in Man for her work in providing valuable information to the adults and children of her community and attended various local churches, and;

WHEREAS: Vicki was a faithful member of the West Virginia Library Association since 1985 and regularly attended the Annual Conference and Spring Fling, and;

WHEREAS: Vicki will be greatly missed by her family and friends and the West Virginia library community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the West Virginia Library Association at its Annual Conference on the 5th day of October, 2005, by unanimous acclaim do hereby honor the memory of Vicki Lester Johnson for her outstanding contribution to West Virginia libraries during her lifetime, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to her husband, Clarence, and to the Library Board of the Buffalo Creek Memorial Library.

Mummies on Parade in Drinko

by Patsy Stephenson

It was a day in October 2005 when the staff of Technical Services in the John Deaver Drinko Library at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, received the email invitation to a costume party. Prizes would be awarded for the best costume and runners up—gift certificates for food was the catch!

The next morning the masses huddled in the Tech Services department to discuss the possibility of entering the contest. After carefully thinking it through the technical services group decided not to enter.

Then a spark started in the accounting assistant and then order department. It then spread to the cataloging department and pretty soon there was a bonfire brewing.....Of course being "library" orientated we thought of huh "books." Books on a shelf how could this be? Easy enough! RIGHT.

Six members of the technical services staff dressed up like books spoofing from the "_____ for Dummies" Series. Inspired by the time of year, Dummies were quickly changed into Mummies.

We had the following transformations to make:

Acquisitions for Mummies, volumes 1 and 2:

Eleanor Anders and Karen Greybill

Accounting for Mummies: Lisa Hughes

Serials for Mummies: Jackie Smith

Cataloging for Mummies, volumes 1 and 2:

Pamela Ford and Patsy Stephenson

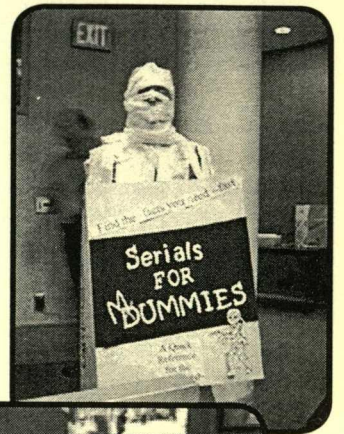
Great detail went into these "pages"—date due slips, ISBN, UPC labels, barcodes and call numbers. Yes, Pamela Ford cataloged each book and classified them in order for perfect shelf list order. They took toilet tissue and covered the head, and shoulders knees and toes (haha). No one could be identified (thank goodness!).

Members of the staff thought they had the show all 'wrapped up' until the MUMMIES ARRIVED at the party just comfortably late. Parading into the room in order there they stood mummified and in the presences of everyone!

The costumes as you will see were like 'sandwich boards' so setting was not an option. A lady dressed as a chef with a fan blowing her costume for coolness was award runner up from the IT department Terri Byrd. The Mummies won 1st prize for creativity, braveness, team effort, and one great costume. An Applebee's gift certificate of \$70.00 will be shared with the student assistants. Jing Tang and Megan Hatfield helped cut out letters and the best part for them was wrapping up the heads and mouths of the ladies they work hard for everyday.

Enough said about that now, where are these brilliant costumes? They are properly shelved in Technical Services no one can throw them away. The suggestion has been made to ask our Special Collection department to place them in the archives.....

The technical services department wants everyone to know that no mummies or patrons were disturbed during this event.



Photos by Floyd Csir, Web Service/Reference Librarian.

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with me and helped select the books to take home in the old knapsack.

While we lived in War, someone who knew that I was a librarian invited me to join the local Library Board. This was a wonderful opportunity for me to work with some very special community leaders as they continued their efforts to build an "Instant Library" in War. Just before the library opened in 1978 my husband was transferred to St. Albans, so I never actually used the War Public Library. The first day we moved into our home in St. Albans, we found and visited the St.

Albans Library—a real bricks and mortar library!

With one child in school and one at home, I decided in 1979 to enter the Humanities Program at what was then the WV College of Graduate Studies in Institute. Over the next several years I spent many, many hours in the Drain-Jordan Library on campus. I received my degree from COGS in May 1987 and started working part time at Kanawha County Public Library the same month.

By the 1990's I was working full time as Branch Librarian at the Cross Lanes

Library. From 1992 to 1999 my mother was a resident in a nursing home in Teays Valley and I often stopped at the Putnam County Library when traveling to or from the nursing home. The Putnam County Library was very special because it provided me the opportunity to be a regular library patron!

Libraries in West Virginia have been important to me for many years. That is why I am so pleased to be honored by you, the members of WVLA. Thank you.



Banquet attendees ▲



Steve Christo accepts the Dora Ruth Parks Award ▲



▲ Pam Ford and Judy Rule at the banquet



◀ Julie Spiegler accepts the Certificate of Merit Award

Snapshots from the conference



▲ Margaret Whitman Blair discusses her child muse.

A special thank you to Monte Maxwell for these conference photos.

▼ Mingling ►

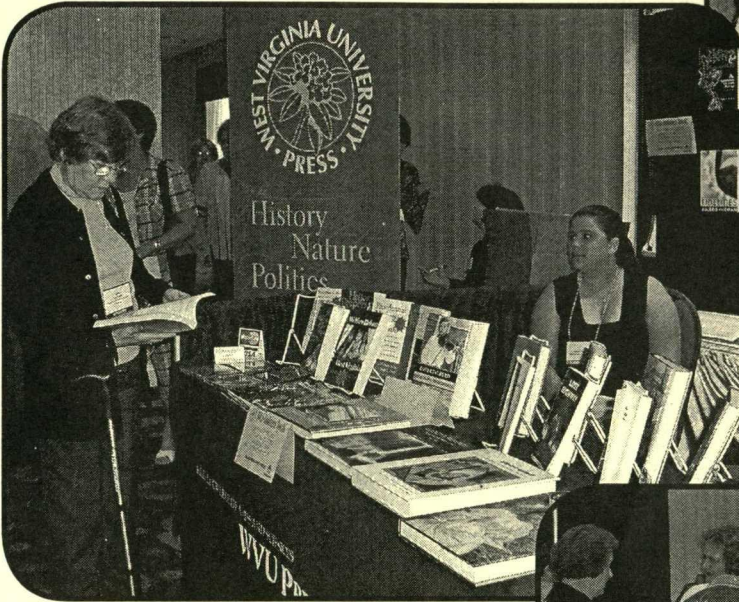
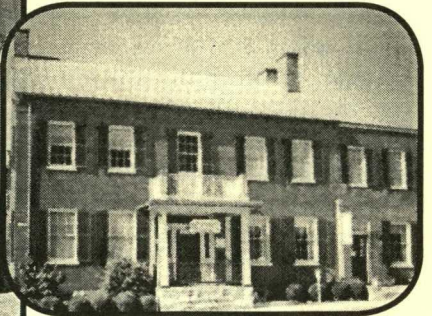
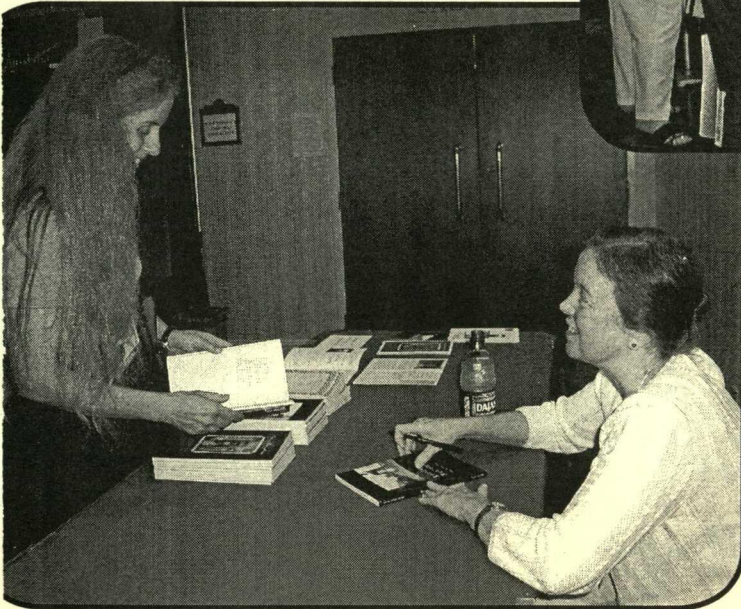


Exhibit area ►

▼ Diane Fisher signing copies of her book.

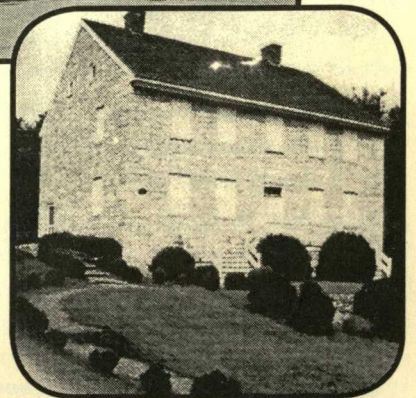


▲ Belle Boyd House



Martinsburg Library ►

Adam Stephen House ►



Cabell County Public Library to host "Frankenstein" traveling exhibition

by Stacy Bond

Everyone knows the story of Frankenstein. Or do they? One of the most enduring myths of the Western world – Mary Shelley's Frankenstein – is the focus of an exciting new traveling exhibition that will begin an eight – week visit at the Cabell County Public Library on Wednesday, December 7, 2005.

"Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature" was organized by the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Md., and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition is made possible through major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the National Library of Medicine.

"We are delighted to have been selected as a site for this exhibition," said Stacy Richardson-Bond, exhibit coordinator. "Frankenstein is truly a story for twenty-first century America. It is not simply a story about an out-of-control scientist. It is a human interest tale of ambition, idealism, revenge and forgiveness. Mary Shelley wrote Frankenstein to show society what

happens when power is abused, knowledge is hidden, and members of a community do not take responsibility for one another." The tragic story of Victor Frankenstein and the living monster he creates in his laboratory has gripped our imaginations since it was first published in 1818. Mary Shelley was only 18 years old when she began writing Frankenstein. The daughter of social reformists, she believed that knowledge was a defense against the abuse of power by governments and individuals; humans could make responsible choices.

Shelley drew upon her wide reading in literature, history, the natural sciences, and politics in shaping the story of a researcher whose personal ambition to reveal "the secrets of nature," and lack of responsibility for his actions leads to his own death and the destruction of his own community.

Mary Shelley's monster was a sensitive, articulate, and lonely creature who was denied companionship and rejected by humans. He lashes out in revenge only when he is betrayed and abandoned by

his maker. But playwrights, filmmakers, and the media have in the past two centuries transformed Shelley's sympathetic creature into a speechless being that kills without remorse.

Over the decades, the monster has also been a symbol for fears about cutting-edge scientific techniques and research that often challenges the public's understanding of what is "natural" and what it means to be human. Frankenstein is frequently mentioned in media accounts of developments such as cloning, gene manipulation, and organ transplants.

"Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature" is based on a major exhibition of original materials mounted by the National Library of Medicine in 1997-1998.

The Cabell County Public Library is sponsoring free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition. Contact 528-7000, srichard@cabell.lib.wv.us for more information.

Programs for children, tweens & teens

Frankenstories — Wed., Dec. 14, 4:30 P.M.

Children will have a frightening good time as they hear Frankenstein stories, play games and make a craft. *Best suited for pre-school & school aged children.*

Frankentheater — Wed., Dec. 28, 3:30 P.M.

Join us for popcorn and an animated movie. *Best suited for pre-school & school aged children.*

Monster Art — Wed., Jan. 4, 4:30 P.M.

School aged children will follow along as high school art teacher, J.B. Bond, demonstrates how to draw monsters and other creatures. *Best suited for school aged children.*

Mad Scientist — Wed., Jan. 11, 4:00 P.M.

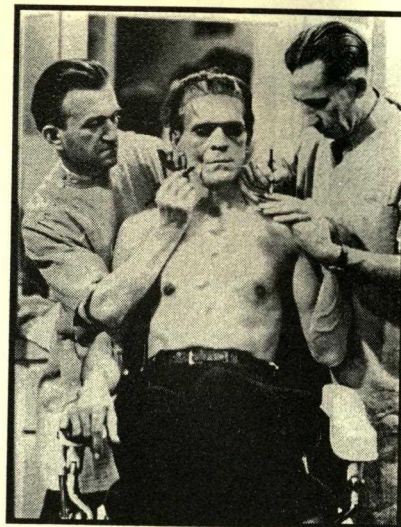
The story hour room becomes a science lab as we share stories about mad scientists and conduct several easy science experiments. *Best suited for school aged children.*

Frankencraft — Wed., Jan. 18, 3 P.M. & 8 P.M.

Stop by the Youth Services department between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm and make or take a Frankenstein paper bag puppet. *This program is good for all ages.*

Write for Fright — Tues., Jan. 24, 4:00 P.M.

Reference librarian, Mary Lou Pratt, presents a writing workshop designed for tweens, teens, & young adults. Participants will brainstorm plot and character ideas and will be encouraged to complete their own horror story. *Best suited for tweens, teens, & young adults.*



For more information on these programs,
contact the Youth Services department at Cabell County Public Library (304-528-5700).

Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature

Programs for adults

FRANKENSTEIN RECEPTION

Mon., Dec 12 5pm - 7pm • Frankenstein comes to life at the opening of the exhibition with guest speakers, art, food, and more.

ORGAN DONATION: MYTH VS. FACT

Mon., Jan 9 6:30pm • Don't let myths keep you from helping save lives. Get the acts from Tammy Ross of Organ Donor Affiliates.

PRESERVING THE DEAD

Sat., Jan 14 1pm • Jim Lowery, embalming re-enactor, demonstrates how odies were preserved during the Civil War.

CREATING A MONSTER

Tues., Jan 17 6:30pm • Costumes & Make-up for Amateurs: The Huntington Jaycees show us how to become a monster by applying make-up and making costumes.

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Seminars and Database Training from Library Development for Library Staff

by Rebecca Van Der Meer

Service Strategies 2006 seminars are scheduled for participation in the Training Room at the West Virginia Library Commission during the month of January. The date and time is listed with each seminar title. Send your registration to Rebecca Van Der Meer at vandermr@wvlc.lib.wv.us or call her at 1-800-642-9021 Ext. 2011.

On the morning of each seminar date, Library Development is also presenting hands-on training for anyone interested in EBSCO, Grolier Multimedia, Learning Express, and the trial databases. The database training is scheduled at 10 a.m. until noon with the Service Strategies 2006 seminars beginning at 1 p.m. Registration is not required. The database training is open to all West Virginia libraries. For more information contact Rebecca Van Der Meer at vandermr@wvlc.lib.wv.us or call her at 1-800-642-9021 Ext. 2011.

If you cannot attend the seminars or training during the dates listed below, contact Rebecca and make arrangements to have the seminars or training brought to your library. The only requirement is to have a minimum of 5 attendees.

Libraries, Numbers, and Graphs

Jan. 10 • 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

This seminar is for both beginning and experienced library staff who want to learn how to get more beneficial information with statistics. Topics include:

- How to use Bibliostat Collect to submit your annual library data to the West Virginia Library Commission
- How to create graphs comparing your library to others inside the state and nationally using Bibliostat Connect.
- How to log-on and maximize GeoLib's usefulness.

- How NCLIS library statistics can be used to show boards, politicians, etc. what your library has been doing the last decade.

Audience: Library directors, managers, and trustees

Presenter: Steve Fesenmaire

Readers' Advisory: More than Amazon.com!

Jan. 17 • 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Effective readers' advisory service can ensure your public library is the focal point for reading in your community. Readers' Advisory goes beyond the librarian's personal reading or a subject search on Amazon.com. Topics include:

- Conducting a readers' advisory interview
- Understanding the reader
- Knowledge of fiction, and non-fiction genres
- Resources for readers' advisory
- Promotion of your library's readers' advisory services

Audience: All library staff

Presenter: Susan Hayden

Booktalking Across the Centuries

Jan. 24 • 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

How can you build a good non-fiction collection when you don't have reviews to buy from? Our dollars are stretched, the "best" lists don't work for our collection, and we need books that will be used in our collections. This seminar will introduce you to 100 non-fiction books from the 10 Dewey Decimal Classifications – the "Centuries." The titles will be recent, have received at least one good review, be

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Call for Nominations

For the Biennial Meeting: Joint Conference with the Tennessee Library Association, Memphis, TN, April 6-7, 2006.

Purpose: To recognize an outstanding program of service in an academic, public, school, or special library in a Southeastern Library Association member state. **Criteria:** Any academic, public, school, or special library in the member states of the SELA may be cited for an outstanding program of service. Programs of service may include, but are not limited to library activities, projects, or programs. The program of service must take place during the biennium in which the nomination is made. The minimum time span for a nominated library program must not be less than three months, including the development and evaluation stages of the program. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA.

Nomination applications for the award should include the following information: SELA member's name; Library's name, address, telephone number; Beginning and ending dates of the program; Narrative statement describing the program, its goals and steps to achieve the goals, and special contribution of the program/project; and Supporting documents related to program publicity.

Nomination deadline is January 10, 2006.

Please contact Nanette Kicker or Catherine Lee, Co-Chairs, to submit a nomination or request additional information. Nominations, including the application and supporting documents can be mailed, emailed or faxed to either of the co-chairs. It is requested that an electronic copy of the application be provided for distribution to the committee.

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Deadline Changes

The editors and the WVLA executive board have decided to change the submission dates for newsletter articles and month of publication in order to present more current information to WVLA newsletter readers. The changes are as follows:

- December 15 deadline for January publication to include Legislative Day information and committee membership.
- February 15 deadline for March publication to include Spring Fling information.
- April 15 deadline for May publication to include Summer Reading programs.
- June 15 for July publication to include nominations, scholarships and awards information with timely deadlines.
- August 15 for September publication to include pre-conference information.
- October 15 for November publication to include post-conference information.

Artifacts at Your Library

by Charles A. Julian

As many of you know, for several years now, I have conducted various projects related to West Virginia library history. This year, when I attended the West Virginia Library Association's annual conference (in Shepherdstown), I participated in a tour of the Martinsburg/Berkeley County Public Library facility. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that on the walls of that library were two significant pieces of art: a portrait of George Washington attributed to Gilbert Stuart and an N.C. Wyeth painting of Washington at Valley Forge.

The tour sparked a historical interest related to unique resources that may be housed in our state's libraries and archives. I think that an exploration of these gems would be of great interest.

Having no budget or grant to conduct the research, I am initially calling upon my fellow librarians for assistance in uncovering these hidden gems. I hope to ultimately provide a conference program at WVLA and possibly some other research to publish the results of my findings.

How can you help with this project?

1. Provide a list of any unique resources owned / housed by your library including (description of item, date item acquired, donor (if known), and any unique details/specifications related to item)
2. Digital image or graphic representation of the item
3. Access by the public to the item [location, hours, etc.]
4. Any other information that might be of interest

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"basic" to a small- or medium-sized public library collection and can meet several types of user demands. Topics include:

- Using non-fiction titles with your patrons who want to use the Internet.
- A complete, annotated bibliography of all recent non-fiction titles that can meet several types of user demands.
- Discussion and hands-on look at all titles.

Audience: Staff responsible for non-fiction collection development in small- and medium-sized public libraries

Presenter: Mary Hogue, West Virginia Library Commission

Pack and Go Story Time

Jan. 31 • 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Have you ever found yourself in the situation where you have an unexpected group of children to visit your library and you have nothing prepared? Or maybe your children's librarian isn't available and you are left to entertain a group of small children. With this seminar, you will leave with suggestions, techniques, useful ideas on how to be prepared for the next unexpected drop-in group, and your own story time kit with everything you need to guarantee your participants will go away with great memories. Topics include:

- Delivering a program for at least 20 children for ages preschool to 6th grade.
- Selecting materials from your collection to develop your own instant story times.
- Components of story time including read aloud, storytelling, singing, motion games and finger plays.

Audience: Library staff that need to fill in as a story time person

Presenter: Suzy McGinley

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Your assistance and participation in this project will make for an interesting project.

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Spring Fling is just around the corner. Send program ideas to Brian Raitz (304-420-4587, ext. 11 or raitzb@park.lib.wv.us) no later than Feb. 15.

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FRANKENSTEIN'S FOOTSTEPS

Mon., Jan 23 7pm • Man Made Monsters in Legend & Real Life
Rick Wilson, director of American Friends Service Committee, leads a panel and public discussion of the lasting themes of Mary Shelley's classic.

FRANKENSTEIN AND THE GOLEM

Sun., Jan 29 2pm • Monstrous Views of Alienation
Matt Wolfe, English professor, focuses on the parallels between Frankenstein and the Golem.

HISTORY OF FRANKENSTEIN

Tues., Jan 31 6:30pm • Richard Bartram, local author, shares his life long passion of horror films.

FRANKENSTEIN FILM FEST

Wednesdays at 6:30pm • Every Wednesday in January, join us for popcorn and a movie, starring none other than Frankenstein himself.

Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature was developed by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association. It has been made possible by major grants from The National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C., and the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Md.

The traveling exhibition is based upon a major exhibition produced by the National Library of Medicine in 1997-1998.

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Events

DECEMBER

Happy Holidays!

JANUARY

- 10 Seminars on Booktalking, Readers Advisory and Story time in a box
Charleston, WV
- 13 WV Library Commission Meeting
Charleston, WV
- 20-25 ALA Midwinter
San Antonio, TX

FEBRUARY

Love Your Library month

- 2 Library Day at the Legislature
Charleston, WV

MARCH

- 20-25 PLA National Conference
Boston, MA

APRIL

- 2-8 National Library Week
Change Your World @ Your Library
- 5-7 Tennessee Library Association and
Southeastern Library Association (SELA)
Joint Conference
Memphis, TN
- 6-7 Spring Fling
Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV

NOTE:

The dates for the West Virginia Library Commission are tentative. Please check with the WVLC web site for the exact date, time, agenda and minutes at www.librarycommission.lib.wv.us.

A note from the editor

West Virginia Libraries welcomes suggestions for articles from librarians, support staff, trustees and friends.

Articles may be submitted in writing, typewritten, by e-mail or on computer disk. If submitting material on computer disk, please use 3-1/2 disk and save your file to disk as an ASCII file and submit a hard copy (printout) of the material on the disk.

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